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TECK COMINCO AMERICAN INC 15918 E EUCLID AVE SPOKANE WA 99216

Re: Request for Annual Report for the Year 2002.

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed report form(s) for the Mine(s) referenced below need to be completed and returned to this office by January 31,2003.

| Mine Status | Mine Number | Mine Name | Contact Person |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| INACTIVE N | M530004 | APEX MINE | DAVID W. GODLEWSKI |

Annual reports are required by Rules R647-3-116 and R647-4-121 of the Division's Amended and New Rules, Minerals Reclamation Program.

Reports are required regardless of annual mine activity, unless you have received a written waiver or formal release from reclamation obligations from the Division.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Reclamation Program